

199—36.2(476) Definitions. The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings:

“Annual” means during each calendar year.

“Demand savings” means the change in the rate of energy usage measured over a period, which period shall be specified.

“Dollar savings” means the reduction in the dollars spent on natural gas or electricity service by customers and by the utility system as the result of the energy efficiency programs.

“Energy efficiency programs” means activities conducted by a utility intended to enable or encourage customers to increase the amount of heat, light, cooling, motive power, or other forms of work performed per unit of energy used. Energy efficiency programs also means activities which lessen the amount of heating, cooling, or other forms of work which must be performed, or activities which decrease the cost of providing energy. Examples include, but are not limited to: energy studies or audits, general information, financial assistance, direct rebates to customers or vendors of energy-efficient products, research projects, direct installation by the utility of energy-efficient equipment, direct or indirect load control, and time-of-use rates, tree planting programs, and hot water insulation distribution programs.

“Energy savings” means the amount of energy not used because of an energy efficiency program, measured in kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity, thousands of cubic feet (Mcf) of natural gas, or dekatherms (dth) of natural gas.

“Filing year” means the calendar year during which an energy efficiency plan is filed.

“Peak demand savings” means the change in the rate of energy use at the time of the utility’s highest annual use, measured in kilowatts (kW), thousands of cubic feet per day (Mcf/day) of natural gas, or dekatherms per day (dth/day) of natural gas.

“Year” means calendar year.